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SUBJ: RABIN COMMENTS ON ABU RODEIS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN FBIS
TA 301735 WHICH QUOTES PRIMIN RABIN AS SAYING THAT
ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO GIVE UP ABU RODEIS FOR REAL
PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. ACCORDING TO GOI PRESS RELEASE,
IN REMARKS TO NETIVEI NEFT OIL COMPANY EMPLOYEES RABIN
SAID QUOTE YOU KNOW THE FACTS OF LIFE. WE CANNOT HAVE
PEACE UNTIL WE LEAVE ABU RODEIS. WE CANNOT EVEN TALK
ABOUT PEACE UNLESS WE ACCEPT THIS UNQUOTE. RABIN TOLD
EMPLOYEES THAT FAMILIES THAT HAD BEEN EVACUATED DURING
PASSOVER WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO ABU RODEIS
BECAUSE REASON FOR EVACUATION STILL EXISTS.

2. ON OPERATION OF OIL FIELD, RABIN WAS REPORTED
(HATZOFEH) TO HAVE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO CONTRADICTION
BETWEEN PRESENT EFFORTS TO EXPAND OPERATIONS TO MAXIMUM
AND READINESS TO GIVE UP REGION FOR SIGNIFICANT
MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE. NETIVEI NEFT DIRECTOR GENERAL
MICHAEL KISCH REPORTEDLY TOLD RABIN COMPANY IS OPERATING
72 INLAND AND 13 OFFSHORE WELLS, BUT PERIOD OF QUOTE EASY
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UNQUOTE PRODUCTION WAS NOW OVER. HE SAID THAT IN 20

YEARS 50 PERCENT OF RESERVES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED AND
EXTRACTION OF SECOND HALF WILL BE DIFFICULT WORK AND REQUIRE
MORE SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: RABIN'S REFERENCE TO
EVACUATION OF FAMILIES FROM ABU RODEIS TIES IN WITH
UNCONFIRMED REPORT WE RECEIVE FROM US CIT OILFIELD
WORKER THAT ON MARCH 26 ABU RODEIS WAS QUOTE PLACED
ON FULL ALERT, REINFORCED BY AIR, WITH APPROXIMATELY
400 PARATROOPERS, AND ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATED
UNQUOTE. WE ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION
ABOUT SECURITY SITUATION AT ABU RODEIS.
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